

**Wethersfield Library Board
Minutes of June 30, 2011**

Members present: Kim Bobin, Ralph Horowitz, Clare Meade, Brad Milvae, Dan Silver.

Others: Laurel Goodgion, Library Director; Martha Mayer, Friends President; David Drake, Town Council Liaison.

Absent: Jenny Miglus. David Troy, Tim Tuell.

CALL TO ORDER: Clare Meade called the meeting to order at 7:02.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:

Martha Mayer reported that the account that the Friends had maintained for the purchase of furniture for the children's area is now completely expended. Colorful upholstered benches were purchased for the area. The Friends approved \$1,100 to support a second year of Library programs for job seekers. The Friends' new initiative "Keep the change" is encouraging library users to donate their spare change to support the Friends' activities.

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON:

David Drake reported that state aid to municipalities might be cut. This would mean a loss of \$130,000 to the Town of Wethersfield.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:10 it was moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the annual evaluation of the Library Director.

Laurel Goodgion, Martha Mayer and David Drake left the meeting.

At 7:25 it was moved to come out of executive session.

Laurel Goodgion, Martha Mayer and David Drake rejoined the meeting.

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN:

- Clare Meade announced that Laurel Goodgion was elected president Member Council of the CONNECT computer system.
- The Library Board has four new members: Dorene Ciarcia, John Gallivan, Ellyn Laramie and Laurie Wrona.

- Clare asked the Library Board members to share with her ideas on how to engage board members.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 24, 2011.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the minutes of May 24.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Laurel distributed copies of the latest operating budget report.

She announced that Collection Services Manager Joan Guthier is retiring. In addition to managing circulation and cataloging staff, Joan supervises the Library volunteers and the RIFD conversion. Joan has been a member of the staff for over 10 years. Celia Allison has been hired on a part-time basis to coordinate these activities until the position is filled. Andrea Kogut, a member of the Collection Services Department, is resigning to take on new responsibilities as a licensed foster parent. One of Andrea's key responsibilities is supervising all of the Library shelving staff. Andrea has been on the staff for eight years. Joan and Andrea will both be greatly missed.

POLICY REVIEW:

Laurel thanked Dan Silver for his assistance in revising the Meeting Room Policy. The revised Meeting Room Policy was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominations Committee:

Dan Silver reported for the Nominations Committee. He was pleased to announce that all the current officers are willing to continue to serve: Clare Meade, president; Tim Tuell, vice-president, Jenny Miglus, secretary.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the slate of officers as proposed.

Dan expressed thanks to the departing board members.

Clare thanked Kim for her support, especially her work establishing the conversation group for new English speakers. She thanked Ralph Horowitz for his technological expertise and Brad for his longitudinal perspective on the Library.

At 7:40 p.m. it was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting. Clare invited the Board members to stay to enjoy some social time.

The next regular board meeting will be on July 26, 2011 at 7 p.m.